

9. (new) A process for the preparation of the monoclonal antibody of claim 3, comprising:

- (a) immunizing an animal with a histidine fusion polypeptide;
- (b) fusing the animal's spleen cells with myeloma cells to generate hybridoma cells; and
- (c) obtaining said monoclonal antibody from said hybridoma cells.

10. (new) The process of claim 9, wherein a mixture of different histidine fusion polypeptides is used for immunization.

#### REMARKS

The above amendments are made to comply with the formal requirements set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.75. They do not introduce new matter, and they are fully supported by the specification of the subject Application and the Claims as originally filed.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-made amendments be made of record in the file history of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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